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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Indo-China Outlook

MR Eisenhower has given a number of signs since last year's Presidential election that he is concerned with affairs in Indo-China. In fact he appears to be weighing the merits of a new Far Eastern strategy based on that strife-torn area. Indo-China is recognised as one of the most dangerous sore spots afflicting the free world in Asia. Despite the creation by the French of Vietnam, with its measure of self-government, the popular rally to the new State has not been sufficient to make the position of the Vietnamese rebels untenable. On the contrary they have found strength enough to engage in a limited military offensive during past weeks, causing considerable embarrassment to the French Union forces. It is possibly this development which has stimulated Mr Eisenhower to the belief that if France would make an all-out military effort, substantially aided by American arms, equipment and finance, the Vietnamese could be decisively defeated within two years. Additionally, it is argued, increased pressure at this time on the Vietnamese would divert Chinese resources southwards and thus gradually impose such a strain that Peking would be more amenable to concluding an armistice in Korea.

IT is a plan which, at first sight, appears as being attractive, particularly as it offers the prospect of a successful conclusion of the war in Indo-China within a limited period. But France has been slow to react to the proposition, and no indication has been given that it finds favour at the Quai d'Orsay. The main probable objection is that French military divisions withdrawn from Europe would mean greater German preponderance in the European Defence Community, and it is most unlikely that France would commit herself to any action which she deemed would weaken her voice in the EDC. There is, too, another consideration: the American plan would involve increased expenditure in French lives and a greater drain on France's officer cadres, already badly hit by the Indo-China war to date. It has been observed by one British commentator that if France were to agree to any proposals involving the sending of more of her soldiers to fight in Vietnam it would clearly be only after pretty hard bargaining.

ONE price, which the French would be likely to exact is to insist on a completely free hand in the political field in Indo-China. But if this were granted it would be necessary that France use as a political implement the constructive power which is at her command. With the Western Allies behind her, France can command enormously greater material resources than the Vietnamese rebels. By providing, for the reconstruction of the towns and countryside, laid waste by the ravages of war, for the organisation of a sound Administration, and above all for the building of a healthy agrarian community, France, with American support, could bring into being in the Red River and Mekong Delta areas, stability and prosperity which would be the most powerful counter-attraction to life under duress of the Vietnamese. If this long-range view is taken, of the ideas which Mr Eisenhower and Mr Dulles have in mind they assume an air of reality which, we imagine, would possess a strong appeal for France and the French people.

Jewish Families Fleeing From E. Germany COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN GATHERS MOMENTUM

Berlin, Jan. 7. Jewish families with bundles on their backs today joined in the mass of frightened people who are fleeing East Germany for refuge in West Berlin, refugee officials said here.

A Jew who wanted his name kept secret said in West Berlin today: "East German Communists are finishing the job Hitler almost accomplished. Today, there are fewer than 800 Jews in East Germany. There are 1,800 in East Berlin."

"They have begun to flee at the rate of four or five families a day as a result of the recent attack on Zionism."

"Soon East Germany will be one country in Europe where the Jewish sect has been extinguished."

Last month a record total of 15,787 refugees arrived here. In 1952 nearly 120,000 refugees fled here.—Reuter.

Driving Jews Out Of Public Life

Berlin, Jan. 7. Communist bosses, carrying out Kremlin orders, are driving Jews in East Germany out of public life.

That new development was reported today by West Berlin Jews who keep a close tab on conditions in the Communist-ruled East zone.

They said that the new Red measure represented a full-scale purge against the 2,700 Jews now remaining in the Communist East sector of Berlin and the East zone of Germany.

It even extends to Jews holding minor jobs in the nationalised economy and those who take part in community cultural life.

Some Jews, who saw the hand-writing on the wall, fled to West Berlin only a few days ago to escape.

One of these was Dr Leo Zuckerman, 50-year-old Jewish Director of a Communist law college at nearby Potsdam. Fearing threatening prosecution, he fled to West Berlin with his wife and two children.

Jewish circles here said that all party officers in East Germany were ordered by Moscow to start sweeping the Jews out. The order became effective immediately after the Slansky trial last month in Prague.

There, the one-time Communist boss of Czechoslovakia, Rudolf Slansky, a Jew himself, was executed along with 10 other colleagues in a purge.—Associated Press.

SEEK REFUGE

Berlin, Jan. 7. Two more officials of the East German Government sought refuge in West Berlin today.

They are Rudolf Brandes, Department Chief for Administration in the East German Supply Ministry, and Herr Heupel, who headed the Social Affairs Department of the Liberal Democratic Party Board.

They said the purge wave in the East German Communist Party was now spreading to other parties in the country.

Dr Hans Loch, East German Finance Minister and Chairman of the Liberal Democrat Party, in a speech published today accused Dr Karl Hamann, dismissed Liberal Democrat Supply Minister, of "operating a capitalist group in his Ministry" and forecast a party purge.

Dr Loch said Dr Hamann was responsible for a supply crisis in East Germany in 1955 when "not even a sausage was on sale in many towns."

Dr Loch also accused himself and other leading party members of having "tolerated a strong capitalist group" within the party ranks. The speech was made four days ago and published today in the Liberal Democrat newspaper, "Der Morgen."

Dr Hamann's wife and four children fled to West Berlin recently. West German reports last week said Dr Hamann himself was arrested when trying to cross the Soviet section into West Berlin last month.

Dr Hamann is now believed to be awaiting trial on charges

of having deliberately mismanaged the affairs of the Ministry. This is said to have brought on the food and supply crisis which now threatens East Germany.—Reuter.

POURING IN

Bonn, Jan. 7. One-fifth of West Germany's population already are refugees, and they still are pouring in from Soviet-ruled East Germany at the rate of 15,000 a month.

The 10,000,000 refugees already here are considered Europe's potentially most explosive group. They may some day lead to a new German "Drang nach Osten" movement, if their presence here does not wreck the national economy first.

Because they are Germany's chief problem, the Refugee Minister, Hans Lukaschek, contends that the Council of Europe in Strasbourg should consider them a Europe-wide issue, too.

West Germany, he points out, has nine times more refugees than all the other 13 members of the Council of Europe together.

Herr Lukaschek hopes to visit the United States early this year in order to begin talks leading to a loan either from the United States Government, the World Bank, or both, in order to finance refugee resettlement programmes.

These unfortunate are part of Europe's greatest migration, different from all others in that this one was undertaken under Soviet military and political pressure, without hope, without the will to leave an old home or found a new one, ending in an area ill-prepared socially, economically or morally to absorb them.—United Press.

Troop-Carrying Plane Missing

Salt Lake City, Jan. 7. A plane carrying 37 soldiers who arrived in the United States only yesterday from Korea and Japan was reported missing over South Idaho today.

An air search was started. Authorities said the plane was one of several chartered planes which left Seattle, Washington, during the night to take discharged soldiers to their homes.

The two-engine C-46 transport plane with a crew of four was flying to Fort Jackson, Mississippi.—Reuter.

Explosion Kills Four People

Sheridan, Texas, Jan. 7. A fiery explosion turned a giant synthetic gas plant into a roaring inferno here today, killing four men and injuring three.

Two smaller explosions followed the first thunderous blast, and the threat of "mass" from volatile products, including butane, propane, and gasoline hung ominously over the blazing plant.—Associated Press.

Miss McNeill's Wedding Dress

Edinburgh, Jan. 8. Miss Jane McNeill, 21-year-old blonde society girl and daughter of prominent Edinburgh banker, Mr John McNeill, is to wear a gown of white French lace, unadorned, to the Earl of Dalkeith here on Saturday.

The occasion will be one of the most glittering social events of the New Year.

Queen Elizabeth herself is to attend, together with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent.—Reuter.

Churchill Flying To Washington

New York, Jan. 8. The British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, will fly to Washington today (Thursday) to see President Truman following the end of his talks with President Dwight Eisenhower.

Washington officials said the President will receive the visiting British statesman at 9 p.m. GMT today (5 a.m. HK time Friday) in the living quarters of the White House.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr John Snyder, will be present.

President Truman will attend a dinner at the British Embassy.

Mr Churchill will not be invited to address Congress during his Washington visit, informed Congressional sources predicted today.

Senator, Smathers, who made the suggestion yesterday, told Reuters that the overwhelming majority in the Senate favoured the suggestion, but if there was any objection it would be dropped to avoid embarrassing all parties.

WINDSORS CALL

In New York yesterday the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were among those who called on Mr Churchill.

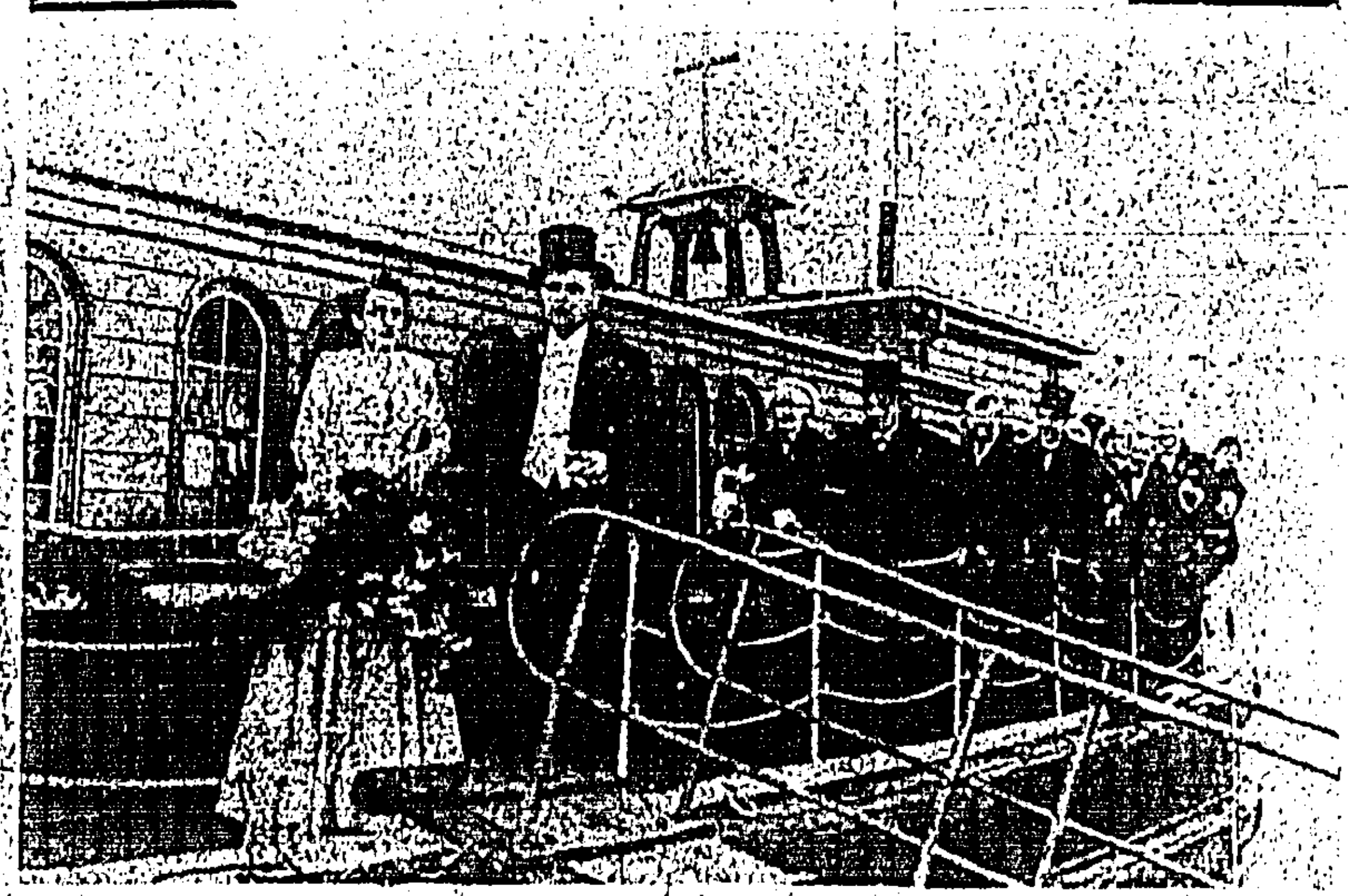
Earlier Mr Churchill was shown over the house in Brooklyn where his mother was born.

The British Prime Minister had a final interview with General Eisenhower yesterday following a two-hour talk with Mr John Foster Dulles, next American Secretary of State, and Mr Winthrop Aldrich, now United States Ambassador, to Britain.

It was believed that during his conversation with Mr Dulles, Mr Churchill raised the question of Britain's relationship with the Anzus Pact.—Reuter.

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Truman's Blunt Warning To Stalin Wins Approval

Washington, Jan. 7. President Truman's blunt hydrogen bomb warning to Premier Josef Stalin drew warm support today from members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

"That is why we have spent all these billions of dollars in developing atomic weapons," said Republican Representative W. Sterling Cole, probable Chairman of the Committee in the new Republican Congress.

He said, "I have nothing but the highest praise for the President's forthrightness in his warning to Stalin. If the threat that we may use our new weapons can deter an aggressor from starting trouble then the cost will have been fully justified."

Democratic Senator George Smathers said, "It is too early to be able to properly assess whether all his claims for good are true. History may reveal that he has a better batting average than many credit him with today."—United Press.

Britain Seeks Release Of 2 HK Sailors

London, Jan. 7. Britain has pressed China to release two sailors arrested on a boating trip off Hongkong on November 2, according to an authoritative source here.

Representations have been made by Mr Lionel Lamb, British Charge d'Affaires, in Peking.

Mr Lamb has also asked to be told where the sailors are and if charges are to be made against them.

The representations were made on December 19 but no reply has yet been received.

The sailors, Leading Seaman Reginald Creswell, and Able Seaman George Wise, set out on November 2 to sail round Hongkong Island.

They did not return and on December 12 the British Foreign Office confirmed that they were in Chinese hands.—Reuter.

CHANGES MIND

Previously, Mr Van Zandt had opposed the use of the atomic bomb in Korea. However, he said that his recent tour of duty—much of it in Korea—had convinced him that "the only way to settle the thing is to fight to win it," and that included the atom bomb.

Republican Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, ranking Senate Republican on the Committee, agreed with President Truman that there was need for an effective international control of atomic weapons, but added that "there is nothing new in the theory."

Mr Hickenlooper said that the United States had made "consistent progress, especially in the last couple of years, on atomic weapons of various kinds" and he felt that that had been a factor in the thinking of those who might otherwise start a world war.

Other points of President Truman's State of the Union message drew a mixed reaction.

Republican Representative U. Burdick commended the President's decision to leave legislative recommendations to his successor, Mr Dwight D. Eisenhower, and his expression of good wishes.

Mr Burdick said that the President's speech "is evidence of thorough American sportsmanship."

Republican Representative Loo Allen, Chairman of the House Rules Committee in the new Congress, dismissed President Truman's recounting of his own administration with this comment: "The people passed on Truman's record in the November election."

Newspapers' Protest

Lahore, Jan. 7. Pakistani newspapers will serve protest strike notices on January 9 as an expression of dissatisfaction with the Government's attitude to the newspapers.

Pakistani editors regarded the arrest of the Karachi Evening Times editor, Z. A. Suleris, as an attack on the freedom of the Press.

Mr Suleris was arrested on December 30 on a charge of sedition and was refused bail.

The articles which led to Mr Suleris' arrest contained criticism of the basic principles of a report by Pakistani Premier Nazimuddin to the Constituent Assembly on December 22.—France-Press.

Pritt In New Clash

Kapenguria, Jan. 7. The Jomo Kenyatta trial was adjourned today after Mr D. N. Pritt, QC., has accused the official interpreter—a museum curator—of being the "enemy" of the six accused Africans.

He charged Dr Leakey, considered as one of the foremost authorities on the Kikuyu language, with adding words to the evidence of witnesses and with "helping one side" since the start of the trial.

It is the fifth time that Mr Pritt had protested against the 50-year-old doctor, son of missionary parents, who was brought up in the Kikuyu reserves. This time the doctor, curator of Nairobi's Coryndon Natural History Museum, withdrew when Mr Pritt brought his charge.

Before the court adjourned on Monday to get another interpreter, the defence counsel suggested bringing in the senior interpreter of the Kenya Supreme Court.

But Mr Anthony Somerhough, Deputy Public Prosecutor, replied that he understood that this was actually Jomo Kenyatta's brother.

SOMEONE LYING?

When Mr Pritt immediately denied this, Magistrate Ransley Thacker said he would be "very angry" if he found someone was lying over the issue.

Mr Somerhough said the only other Englishman he knew capable of interpreting Kikuyu was the Reverend William Scott Dickson of the Church Missionary Society in Nairobi.

Mr Pritt made his accusation against Dr Leakey during the cross-examination of an aged Kikuyu woman on the 15th day of the trial of Kenyatta and five others, accused of "managing" and "assisting in the management" of the Mau Mau secret society.

The woman in a long white shawl had given evidence supporting her niece's claim that she overheard Kenyatta telling colleagues not to use so much force in administering Mau Mau oaths.

Mr Pritt asked the witness how many months she had lived in the Ol Kalou village near Thomson's Falls, before this incident.

Dr Leakey translated the reply "seven months" and added "she probably means 'Muslim months'."

Mr Pritt, leaning forward with his hands on his hips, said: "It is none of your business what she may or may not mean. This is a disgrace. I hope we can get another interpreter. The interpreter should translate exactly what the witness says and nothing more."—Reuter.

TEHERAN MODIFIES DEMAND

London, Jan. 7. The Persian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, has modified his demand that compensation to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company for seizure of its \$5,000,000 industry be restricted to the company's loss of property, a usually reliable source said here tonight.

Hitherto Dr Mossadegh has rejected Britain's claim that the company was also entitled to compensation for loss of 40 years' revenue resulting from the termination of its concession.

But British officials today refused to endorse the optimism expressed by the State Department in Washington yesterday on the result of the meetings between Dr Mossadegh and Mr Loy Henderson, American Ambassador in Teheran.

Post experience in dealing with Dr Mossadegh, they said, did not encourage them to take his first reactions at their face value.

Anglo-American consultations on the Persian oil dispute were continued here today between Mr Henry Byroade, head of the State Department's Near Eastern Section, and Foreign Office officials.—Reuter.

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British Ballerina At La Scala

The popular British ballerina, Violetta Elvin, "tries out" the stage of the famous La Scala Opera House in Milan, where she is to appear as Prima Ballerina for the season.—Express Photo.

Rival Picket Lines At White House

Washington, Jan. 7. Two slow-marching lines picketed the White House tonight.

One appealed to President Truman to relieve the convicted atom spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The other displayed placards saying "Mr President, our boys are dying. Let the traitors die."

Extra police were on duty to keep the two lines apart.

An order from the President in all that can save the Rosenbergs from the electric chair.—Reuter.

PASSPORTS TO BE WITHDRAWN

Washington, Jan. 7. The State Department is to withdraw the passports of Americans who attended the "Peace" conferences at Peking and Vienna last year.

Officials confirmed in response to inquiries that instructions had been issued to recover the passports.

The inquiry was prompted by a report by Mr. Hugh Hardyman of Los Angeles, a retired date grower, that his passport had been taken from him.

Mr. Hardyman was listed in announcements from the Peking meeting as one of the American delegates.

About 15 Americans have been identified as present at the Peking conference. About 27 attended the similar "Peace" conference in Vienna.

At the time of the conference State Department officials said they were being held for Communist propaganda purposes and emphasized: "We are not authorizing Americans to further Communist purposes."—Reuter.

Major Headache For "Ike" On Economic Front

Washington, Jan. 7. Economic advisers of the incoming Eisenhower administration are threatened with a serious headache in seeking a solution to the problem of how to maintain the nation's boom economy.

Defence and civil planners who will head the Republican administration are already giving high-priority consideration to the problem of how to weld back into industry the 1,000,000 servicemen who will return to civilian life in 1953, as well as to that of selecting workers to replace them in the forces.

Some sources forecast that President-elect Dwight Eisenhower will make some important, and possibly unpopular, announcements for extending the scope of military draft quotas soon after his administration takes office on January 20.

It is understood that the Republican economic experts, realising that the new administration will be blamed for any rise in unemployment, may consider the decisions necessary to prevent it.

The armed services have absorbed the 2,000,000 men from industry since the outbreak of the war in Korea in June 1950. Early draftees are now pouring back into civilian life in increasing numbers.

The manpower strain associated with maintaining the armed services at the level of about 3,000,000, as decided by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, they say, will have to be watched closely by business as well as Government.

But if this problem can be kept under control they hope that the high levels of employment may continue through 1953. Latest statistics indicate that national unemployment in the United States is the lowest it has been since the peak production days of World War II, when defence co-ordinators had manpower controls over the labour market.

STEADY DROP

The unemployment total has dropped steadily from nearly 6,000,000 in 1950 to less than 1,500,000 in December 1952. This means that only two out of every 100 American workers today are jobless.

The defence production programme is not due to reach its peak, according to latest estimates, before late 1953, and record private capital investment is projected for the early part of the year.

It is estimated that the defence production programme will provide work for more than 7,000,000 people in munition factories, shipbuilding yards, aircraft assembly lines, and other defence plants before it reaches the levelling-off point.

This is about 700,000 more than at present employed on defence projects.

Government agencies report that in some States unemployment has "almost vanished". In Wyoming, the number of people drawing unemployment benefit

is 2 of one per cent of those covered by unemployment insurance schemes.

In many of the more industrialised States, the figure is also less than one per cent.

INVESTMENT NEEDED

Schemes, initiated early in the Korean war period, to allocate defence projects to areas in which unemployment was high are to a large extent responsible for this, officials say. These schemes have also had the added effect of easing competition of civilian production against defence needs.

More than 1,000,000,000 dollars' worth of military contracts has gone to these areas since the schemes came into operation.

A major example of this type of planning has been the decision by the Atomic Energy Commission to build its huge hydrogen bomb development installation at Savannah in Georgia.

The advisers to the coming administration are expected to recommend the expansion of this policy as far as the defence programme will permit.

Any slowing down of the defence programme during the coming months will not have a serious effect on the situation, it is believed. The National Planning Association, an important economic research group, says in its most recent survey: "A high employment economy, with steadily rising productivity, is possible despite a considerable reduction in defence spending."

But it is emphasised that much will depend on continued capital investment by private American businessmen in new equipment and factory construction, which is now at record levels.

The Bureau of Commerce estimates that private enterprise will spend nearly 20,000,000,000 dollars expanding manufacturing, mining, railroad and other businesses in the first quarter of 1953.

Economists say that it is important to employment that this investment be maintained if government spending is to be reduced and there is not to be any recession.—Reuter.

To Be Deported

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 7. Pasquale Sciortino, wanted in Italy as a member of the notorious Giuliano gang, was today ordered to be deported.—Associated Press.

CHURCHES APPEAL TO U.N.

Guard Against Korea War Extension

Lucknow, Jan. 7.

The Central Committee of Churches representing 22,000,000 Protestants of 47 countries, today appealed to the United Nations to guard against any extension of the Korean conflict.

The Committee, which has been in conference here for the past week, also recommended the United Nations to "persist unceasingly" in promoting negotiations until success is achieved and advocated more widespread use of an umpire in international conferences.

The appeal was based on a resolution which the Committee adopted late last night at a closed session.

It was cabled to Mr. Lester Pearson, the General Assembly's President, by the Chairman, Dr. G.K.A. Bell, of Chichester, D. G.K.A. Bell. Copies of the cabled appeal have been sent to the heads of all delegations at the United Nations and also to the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie.

OTHER STEPS?

The Bishop of Chichester said in his cable:

"The Central Committee wishes me to say how greatly it appreciates the efforts of the United Nations to overcome what is apparently the one remaining obstacle to the conclusion of an armistice in Korea."

"It regrets that no plan so far has been found acceptable to all parties. It most earnestly urges the United Nations to persevere in its efforts to resolve the conflict by a truce which will safeguard prisoners of war, against forcible repatriation or forcible detention."

The Bishop said the question of repatriation might not be the only obstacle to the conclusion of armistice to end the fighting. Other steps might have to be taken.

The Central Committee therefore welcomes the expressed willingness of the highest authorities of certain great powers to hold a personal discussion and trust that the essential preliminary conditions of successful consultation may be satisfied," he added.

"The immediate object for which the United Nations intervened has been fulfilled and there now remains the settlement of the Korean question with a view to unification and independence of Korea."

THE ONLY WAY

"The Central Committee is far from underestimating the difficulties but it is convinced that the only way to end bloodshed in Korea and to hasten a solution not only of the Korean but also of wider questions is through negotiated settlements."

"A deep sense of responsibility therefore prompts this appeal to the United Nations to guard against any extension of the conflict and to persist unceasingly in the promotion of negotiations until success is achieved."

"The Central Committee commands more widespread use in international conferences of an umpire."

The cable said the Committee was also aware that serious economic needs of many countries in different parts of the world, especially in Asia, cried out for attention.

It added, "in appreciating the notable work done through technical assistance and in other humanitarian ways by the United Nations, it urges the nations unitedly to devote their resources to meet this call."

"But in this grave and perilous hour the breaking of the deadlock is an immediate and essential step to these wider constructive activities."—Reuter.

BRITISH CARS A BIG HIT

New York, Jan. 7. Sales of British cars in the United States during the first nine months of 1952 exceeded those for the whole of 1951, it was reported today.

Imports of British cars for the whole of 1951 were 19,507 compared with 20,610 during the first nine months of 1952.—Reuter.

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Syria Closes Frontier

Reprisal Against The Lebanon

Beirut, Jan. 7. Syria today closed her frontier with the Lebanon as a reprisal against violent attacks in the Lebanese Press against Colonel Adib Shishakli, Syrian Deputy Premier and Chief of Staff. Hundreds of jamies loaded with Lebanese citrus fruits and other products were stopped. But the situation was expected to return to normal tomorrow after contacts between the two Governments today which were reported to have brought better understanding. The Syrian authorities promised to reopen the frontier if the Lebanese Press changed its tone, it was understood. The Lebanese Premier, Emir Khaled Chahab, called Lebanese editors into a conference, and asked them to take a "more positive attitude" towards Syria, especially in view of the forthcoming economic talks between the two countries. Since three Syrian political leaders, Akram Hourani, of the Arab Socialist Party, and Michel Aflaq and Salah Elbeydar of the Al Baath (Resurrection) Party, sought refuge in the Lebanon on New Year's Eve, the Lebanese Press has carried a campaign against Syria's regime. Radio Damascus and the Syrian papers have replied with aggressive comment.—Reuter.

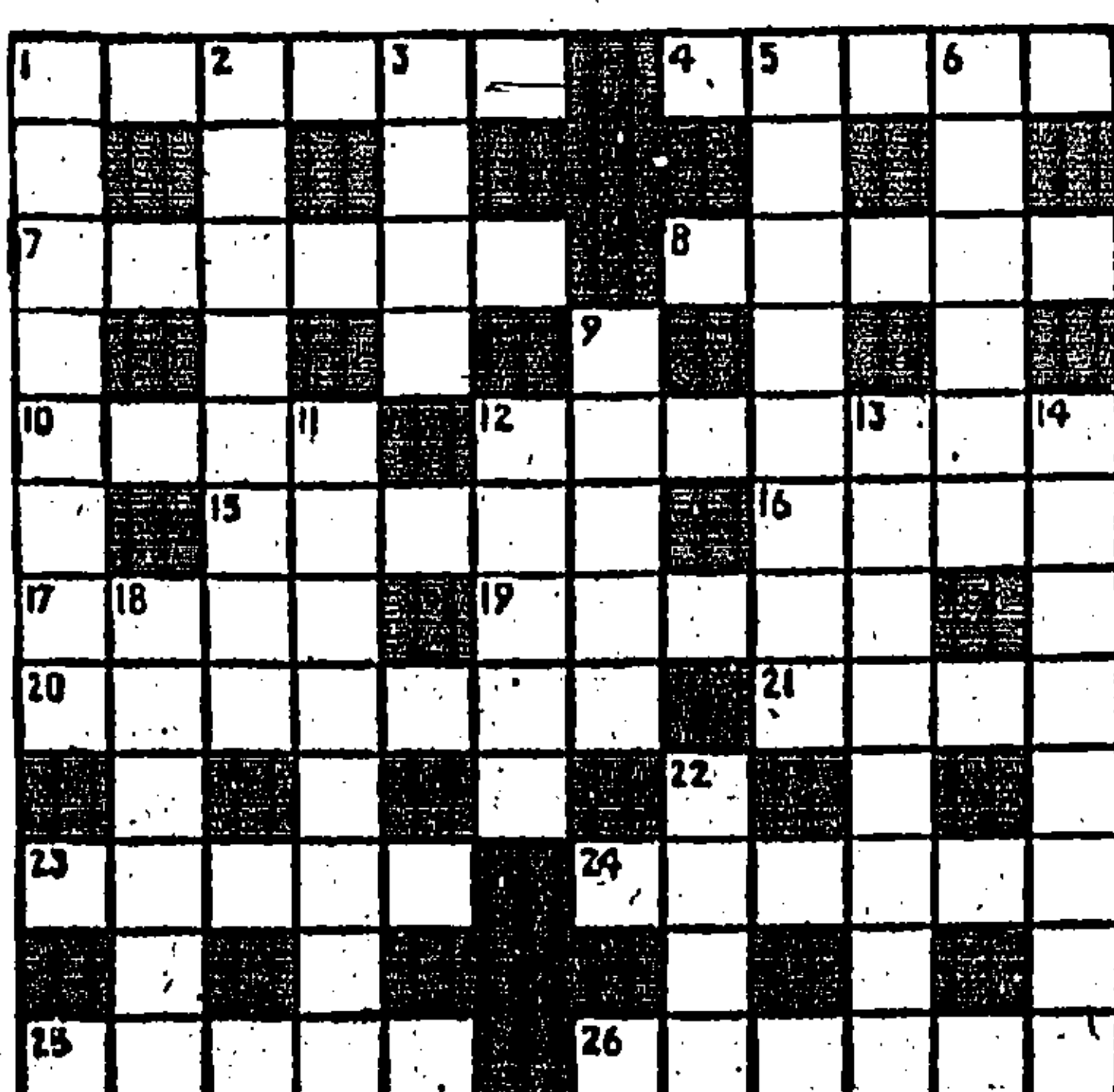
Increase In Consumption Of Rubber

Washington, Jan. 7. The Government today reported that the United States' consumption of natural rubber had increased in the first 11 months of 1952, compared to 1951, while Russo-Chinese consumption appeared to have declined slightly. For the January-November, 1952, period, the United States' consumption totalled 728,849 tons, compared with 689,236 tons for the same period in 1951. Estimated imports into Russia and China totalled 133,000 tons compared to 134,500 tons in the first 11 months of 1951. The figures were compiled by the secretariat of the International Rubber Study Group and released by the National Production Authority. World consumption of rubber for the first 11 months of 1952 totalled 1,330,000 tons, down 4.7 per cent.—United Press.

Rum Jungle Pact

Washington, Jan. 7. A tripartite agreement for development of the Rum Jungle uranium fields in Australia was signed here today by representatives of the United States, Britain and Australia.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Animal food (8).
4 Skilled (5).
7 Scatter (6).
8 Shun (5).
10 Meadows (4).
12 Threatens (7).
15 Track (5).
16 Fuss (4).
17 Scold (4).
19 Mature (5).
20 Out of the ordinary (7).
21 Wound (4).
23 Cheerful (5).
24 Comfort (6).
26 Urge (5).
27 Jewish quarter (8).

DOWN
1 Violinist (8).
2 Dislike (8).
3 Smooth (4).
5 Turns aside (8).
6 Forced open (6).
9 Danger (5).
11 Chests (5).
12 Ethical (5).
13 Shrink (8).
14 Mexican hat (8).
18 Come into view (6).
22 Thug's weapon (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Treatise, 8. Reticence, 9. Estimate, 11. Agitated, 12. Bent, 13. Senior, 18. Dares, 19. Ovens, 23. Perilous, 24. Surmised, 25. Serene, 26. Peaches; Down: 1. Break, 2. Strip, 3. Treated, 4. Rect, 5. Avid, 6. Images, 7. Erect, 10. Tenor, 14. Names, 15. Resides, 16. Gossip, 17. Entree, 20. Revel, 21. Steep, 22. Full, 23. News.

Dr. Nunn May, Freed From Prison, Turns Down A Job WONT CHANGE NAME

London, Jan. 7.

Dr. Alan Nunn May, the atom spy, who was released from gaol last week, has turned down the only job yet offered him because he refuses to change his name.

The 41-year-old physicist left Wakefield Gaol after serving 6 years 7 months of his ten years' sentence. He earned the maximum remission for good conduct.

At the request of the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, special efforts to place Nunn May in a job had been made by the Rev. Martin Pinker, director of Men Prisoners' After-Care.

Only one full-time job was offered. An industrial firm suggested a moderately paid scientific post which did not involve security. The firm made one condition: that Nunn May would have to change his name, which has become a traitor's brand. Nunn May refused. He said that he is not ashamed of his name—under which he is listed at Cambridge as a "Double First"—and he wants to recover his reputation by hard work alone. Nunn May argued that many first-rate research reports have been published under his name and he would be foolish not to pick up the threads of his scientific career.

EFFORTS FAIL

He has been warned that all other efforts to find him a job have failed so far. An approach to the Medical Research Council for a post as a medical physicist has been unsuccessful. Nunn May knows that nearly all atom jobs are closed to him because most industrial laboratories carrying out atomic work are subject to M.I.5's anti-Communist search. He would like to return to teaching science—he was a £10-a-week lecturer at King's College, London, when he was arrested in March 1946—but no university, school, or technical college seems willing to employ him.

Though he does not possess much money, he has turned down an offer from a firm of publishers to write his memoirs. The security authorities are most anxious that Dr Nunn May should find it possible to lead a reasonably normal and satisfying life in Britain—so that he will not be tempted to flee behind the Iron Curtain. Almost all the once-secret information to which he had access during his work at the Canadian Chalk River atom station has since been published. But Nunn May has not helped the security authorities to check on his Communist contacts who helped him to spy on the wartime Canadian atom project for the Kremlin.

NO PASSPORT

The identity of the Russian agent who first contacted him in Montreal is still unknown. So is the identity of the person who was to meet him—outside the British Museum on his return to England. It is unlikely that Nunn May will be granted a passport if he applies for renewal of his old one, which has lapsed. In Wakefield, as Prisoner 6409, he first sewed mailbags, but for many months before his release he wore the official armband marked "Librarian" and he served as an efficient pay clerk. His morale was always high. He was not covered by prison life. It is at odds with his neatly trimmed moustache he has an almost military bearing. He is staying with relatives and later, as a bachelor, he will live alone, as he did before the war. The authorities hope that life will not be harder for him outside gaol than it was inside. It will be if society rejects him.—London Express Service.

Smuggling Rackets In Britain

London, Jan. 7. Revenue men have discovered that some of Britain's retail and other traders are caught up in the receiving end of tobacco, nylon and watch smuggling rackets. The Customs and Excise Commissioners in their 1952 report, issued today, said that considerable quantities of these articles on which no duty had been paid were found in the possession of individuals, including traders. Though there were smaller official seizures of goods in cases of "commercial conspiracy" to evade purchase tax and customs duty, smuggling offences continued on a considerable scale. There were 1,823 convictions of articles amounting to 26,332. Tobacco (22,371 lbs) and spirits (424 gallons) represented more than half the total goods confiscated. The report said customs and excise work at the consumer end of the chain was becoming an important deterrent against organised smuggling.—Reuter.

JAP APPLES IN S'PORE

Singapore, Jan. 7. Japanese apples are arriving in large quantities in Singapore, according to dealers. They estimated today that more than 100,000 cases have arrived from Japan. Japanese apples are selling at five to ten cents each, and dealers expect Australian apples, which have been having large sales here, would have to reduce prices slightly to compete.—Reuter.

Police Dogs To Fight Mau Mau

Pretoria, Jan. 7. Two South African police dog members will go to Nairobi tomorrow to help the Kenya police train dogs for use against the Mau Mau. They were assigned at the request of the Kenya Government. They will take one police dog with them. Other dogs are expected to be sent later.—Reuter.

Automatic Reversion Impossible

Melbourne, Jan. 7. The influential evening newspaper, The Age, said today that the arrival of the first post-war Japanese Ambassador in Australia began a new era in relations, but "it would be foolish to assume there can be an automatic reversion to a relationship approaching that of pre-war years between the peoples of the two countries." In an editorial, The Age said: "No one can expect immediate obliteration of the memory of atrocities perpetrated against our young men with principal barbarity during the war years. At the same time, it must be recognised that the bitter animosity born of those atrocities cannot be kept alive for ever."—Reuter.

RELATIONS RESUMED

Santiago, Jan. 7. Diplomatic relations between Chile and Japan were officially resumed today when the new Japanese Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. Katuschia Narito, presented his credentials to President Ibanez.

Relations were broken off by Chile in 1942, and in 1944 the Chilean Government declared war against Japan.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA TO HELP

Colombo, Jan. 7. Australia will soon send two Red Cross teams to Malaya to help resettle the Malayan jungle population in newly set-up villages there. Mr. Geoffrey Wilson, Director of the Technical Assistance Bureau of the Colombo Plan, announced this at a Press conference today. He added: "Settling people living in the jungle in a new environment and making them happy is far more important than providing machines and tools under the Colombo Plan."—Reuter.

Discussing Central Africa Plan



The conference on Central African Federation opened last week at No 10 Carlton House Terrace, London. This picture shows the Conference in progress.—Express Photo.

African Federation: Compromise Reached

London, Jan. 7.

The Conference on Central African Federation reached a compromise on the crucial issue of safeguards for the 4,250,000 Africans in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland—the two Protectorates which, it is proposed, should be linked with self-governing Southern Rhodesia.

The British Government, opposed by the white settlers of the territories has insisted until now on an African affairs board which would act as a watchdog for the British Government against any legislation discriminating against the Africans.

Tonight, a communiqué said agreement had been reached in principle to amend the constitution which would "improve the safeguards themselves and at the same time attach the safeguarding machinery more closely to the federal parliamentary system."

This is understood to mean that the affairs board would be a select committee of the federal parliament instead of a body which included outsiders, answerable only to London.—Reuter.

AFRICAN PROTEST

London, Jan. 7. Thirteen African leaders from Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, most of them tribal chiefs, are meeting in London to protest against the government proposal to stop what they call a "betrayal"—the federation of their countries with Southern Rhodesia. "We don't trust the white settlers," they said. They will address public meetings all over Britain as part of a campaign to protest against the government conference now discussing the proposed federation. Africans refused to attend the conference. The chiefs are to petition Queen Elizabeth as "Our Pro-

The document insists that as Nyasaland is a Protectorate, any constitutional changes affecting this status should not be made without the consent of the Africans.

Federation, the Africans claim, will retard their political advancement. "Our land rights and the land we are reclaiming will be endangered. We have no faith in written safeguards or assurances. Our economic advancement will be regulated to prevent us achieving complete economic independence. Any imposition of federation against our solid and unanimous opposition would be regarded by the African people as a breach of faith on the part of the British Government."

The document concluded: "We do not trust our future in the hands of (white) settlers."—Reuter.

Lancashire Hits At Australian Restrictions

Manchester, Jan. 7. Australian import restrictions held up more than 68 million yards of cotton and rayon piece goods ready for shipment or in production, valued at over £12 million, according to a trade report today. The report, issued at the annual meeting of the Dominions Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, severely criticised the restrictions.

The report said the executive condemned the action which interfered with the completion of contractual obligations and it believed that other measures less drastic could have been devised to avoid damage to the interests of exporters and importers. Exporters still had large quantities of goods on their hands and some time must elapse before they could be liquidated.

The report said this was causing serious hardship and embarrassment to many British manufacturers and it allowed to continue might have a bad effect on exports to other markets. The report also viewed with concern the exchange restrictions imposed by the New Zealand Government in a bid to improve the balance of payments position.

These restrictions, the report said, had prevented many importers from honouring their contractual obligations. The report considered that immediate prospects for British exports were not encouraging.—Reuter.

JOB HELD UP BY SQUIRRELS

New York, Jan. 7. Five husky men waited off a wrecking job today and refused to go back "until someone gets rid of those squirrels."

The rigging crew had been chased down a 125-foot water tower by two angry squirrels protecting a nest in steel cross-braces.

Boss rigger Frank Herbert said that that was the last straw. The squirrels had been charging his men for two days before that, baring their sharp little teeth as if they meant business. Herbert said that the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had refused to chase the squirrels away.

The State Conservation Department had suggested that the riggers try rifles, Herbert said, "but the Department says that we can't fire a gun in the city limits."

The top of the water-tank in the courtyard of a manufacturing plant has been removed but the steel supports still stand. "And they'll stay there," said Herbert, "until someone gets rid of those squirrels. They chased my men right off the job."—United Press.

TV Network

London, Jan. 7. The Associated Broadcast Development Company plans to build up to 50 commercial television stations with a radius of 10 to 15 miles throughout Britain when the law allows, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce annual report said today.—Reuter.

GERMAN CARS FOR JAPAN

Bonn, Jan. 7. The Volkswagen (People's Car) works, Germany's biggest car manufacturers, will export an estimated 1,000 cars a year to Japan, its director, Dr. Heinz Nordhoff, said today. He believed the Japanese market could take a total of 10,000 foreign cars, of which for the beginning, one tenth would be Volkswagens. Dr. Nordhoff has just completed a 30,000-mile tour of Southeast Asia. He visited India, Siam, Burma and Japan. Dr. Nordhoff said Volkswagen cars would also be exported to Burma, Hongkong and Siam, but that India was "not offering any chances for us at the moment."—Reuter.

New Appointment

New York, Jan. 7. President-elect Eisenhower today named Mr. John Hannah, President of Michigan State College, to replace Mrs. Anna Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense in charge of manpower and personnel.—Reuter.

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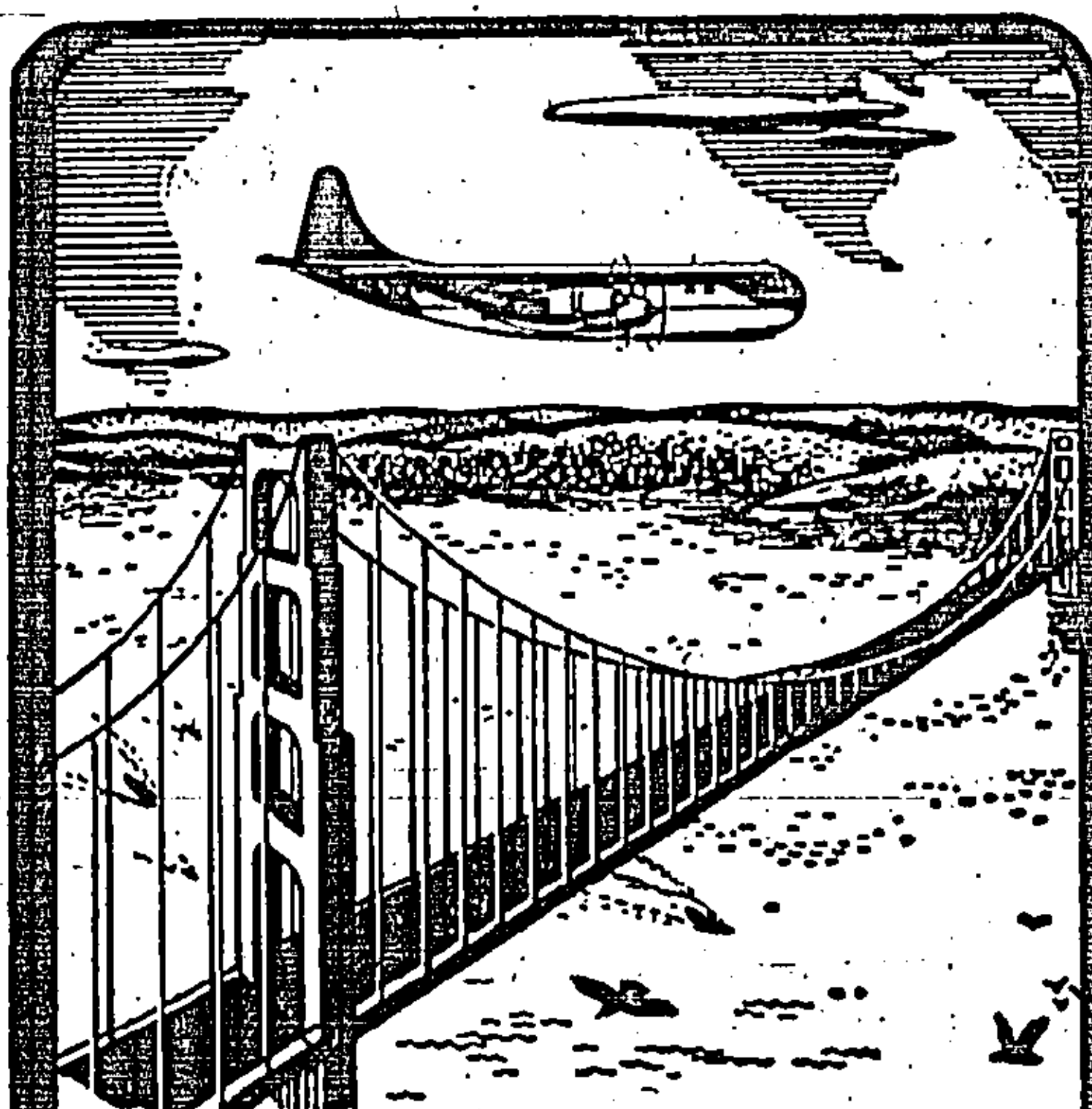
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**The Communist
Bogey Fades**

By PATRICK MAITLAND, M. P.

A FIRST class dispute has blown up inside NATO between politicians and military men in their appraisal of peace-war chances. And the resignation of General Ridgway—who battled hard with the British delegation to the NATO Council in Paris—has been narrowly averted.

Churchill is positively hopeful about the peace prospects. Privately he confesses that he believes the Russians are genuinely afraid of last. And of late he has called for assessments of the Soviet potential to strike, and keep on striking. These reports have emboldened Churchill to crack down on military expenditure.

Take Eastern Europe. Poland, chief source of coal for the region, is about to be seized by the Russians. Since she grabbed some of Britain's overseas markets during the General Strike of 1926 Polish coal has dominated the economic picture of Europe. And because Poland could sell coal to Sweden when Britain could not, the Swedes were forced to sell billings to the Soviet Union. Polish production is about 80,000,000 tons a year. The hope is to lift it to 100,000,000 tons by 1955—but no country can lift coal output that easily, least of all with slave labour.

Czechoslovakia and East Germany, which have a key place in East Europe's supplies of equipment to the USSR, are gripped by crises. Rumania and Bulgaria are uneasy; the Magyars are unhappy. And there is Tito preening himself just out of reach.

Awkward Chink

WORSE still, Tito's progressive compromise with the Western Powers proceeds. He has refused to sign anything; but he has received Greek and Turkish military missions in Belgrade to discuss holding the Monastir Gap through which the Germans, debouching from Bulgaria, poured into Greece. Worse still, in Moscow's eye, Tito has now consented to discuss with the Standing Group (France, Britain, USA) of NATO how to block the Ljubljana Gap which leads through northwest Yugoslavia into Italy's Balkan of the Po, another awkward chink in Western defences.

The other classic invasion route to Italy is through the Brenner Pass from Austria. And now the Standing Group is working on details for holding that, too. There is, furthermore, more to this than the more has hitherto revealed. British, American and French troops in Austria have just been conceded a supply line via Verona to Leghorn, on Italy's western coast. Leghorn is to

become a major supply base like Bordeaux, on the Discey coast of France.

The mercurial Persians have dashed hopes all round, even those of the oil-grabbers who would gladly have compounded a felony by taking and selling oil belonging to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. For Hussein, leader of the Young Turk, national-socialist left-wing supporters of Premier Mossadeq's National Front, says no to them too. He has just told the Persian Parliament that Mr. Acheson was scheming to overthrow Mossadeq and replace him by former Premier Ghavam. He-Salteneh, the man who ousted the Russians from Northern Persia in 1946.

He said also that when he learned that Dean Acheson had signalled to Standard Oil to have technicians ready to go into Persia the minute Ghavam came to power, he indignantly refused the State Department's invitation to be its guest for a month. For Makki's advice to Persia is: "Don't trust Eisenhower either; he's an American too."

Fishing Rights

MAKKI used to be Acheson's local Edna's private hope; they thought he might persuade Mossadeq to make terms, for the sake of economic recovery.

Britons and Americans, though, are not the only people unpopular in Persia. Mossadeq has shown that he will not automatically renew the Soviet-Persian Convention, giving Russia fishing rights close to Persia's Caspian seashore, when it lapses at the State Conference. He even does to charge Russia with using the Soviet Caspian Fisheries Company as a cover for intelligence and agitation. Its head office at Bandar-Pahlavi conceals a radio transmitter.

Agreement talks between Washington and Madrid about sea and air bases to be put at the disposal of American forces. This is a long and complex story, not free of idiosyncrasy. But it carries a moral. The Western Powers thought in 1945 and 1946 that they could somehow browbeat the proud Spaniards into overthrowing their regime by applying moral sanctions.

These took the form of recalling ambassadors from Madrid, of a sentimental motion passed by the UN condemning the Franco regime (a most dangerous precedent, which we are starting to regret in South Africa, Tanganyika and Morocco); and of keeping Spain out of UNO.

No Meaning

THERE was even a moment when the Foreign Office waited news of the hour of a movement by the generals to oust their caudillo. That is now proven to have been so much rapid enthusiasm.

It was the same when the League of Nations imposed economic sanctions on Italy during the Abyssinian crisis in 1935. The Italians tightened their

bolts. Mussolini tightened his grip. Strong words, unbacked by power, mean nought in the world of power.

The sanctions and rebukes of religion are something different. But they work slowly. Whitcomb now knows what Eisenhower thinks about Korea. It is vital to get the Americans home. That means using more Koreans. That means shortening the line. That means an offensive up to the Korean "waist". And in Eden's view that must be held indefinitely as a kind of Indian Northwest Frontier.

**Man who goes by bicycle
is given a big job**

GENERAL EISENHOWER has appointed to his White House staff a man who rides a bicycle.

These have been almost driven off the road by cars, and it seems almost un-American for a grown-up to be seen cycling.

But Eisenhower's new man, Robert Cutler, glories in the fact that he cycles more than 1,000 miles every year.

And it is not because he cannot afford a car—he is a wealthy bank president and lawyer in Boston.

MR CUTLER is going to have a vital job in the White House. He will be an executive assistant with the National Security Council.

This little-known but powerful board advises the President on war and peace.

President Truman ordered resistance to the Communists in the Korean on guidance from the council. It is patterned after the British War Cabinet. Six Cabinet members and the heads of the Security Resources Board, Munitions Board, and Scientific Research Board sit in.

Already Mr Cutler has had a row with the boss. General Eisenhower told him that at 57 he is too old to cycle. Nonsense, was the answer.

THE RED CZECHS—let America know that the price of freedom for journalist William Oatis would be a £6,000,000 steel mill. Oatis is now in a Czech prison accused of spying while gathering news for the Reds; that the ransom will not be paid, the U.S. Government is putting the mill up for auction.

CLARK GABLE is on a movie conquest of continents. After completing his present African film he will make one in South America about an emerald mine.

ARMED SHIPMENTS to America's allies are at a new high level. Europe is getting nearly six times as much as Asia.

A GREAT LADY of the stage has become a great lady of the screen. Her name is Shirley Booth. I have just re-

**POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER**

"Does he not realize that not only is it directly contrary to the teachings of the Church, but it would spell the ruin of the Athenaeum?"

THE QUEEN—Chapter 4**THE COMMON TOUCH**

By Sir Charles Petrie

IF the Queen is the apex of the social and political life of the country, she must also be extremely careful not to lose what may be described as the common touch.

The British like to see their Sovereign, and the most popular have always been those who took obvious pleasure in showing themselves to their subjects.

dividual from his holidays: if the approach has been made to Buckingham Palace the Queen's pleasure will be taken in a day or two and the necessary decision given.

Pictures of the Queen fishing in Scotland or attending a race meeting should not be allowed to obscure the fact that after breakfast and before dinner there is official business to be transacted.

PROBLEMS

Charles II, walking in St James's Park and feeding the ducks, where every Londoner who wished could see him, is the model which the wise monarch will never neglect, though, of course, changed circumstances impose different methods of behaviour.

King Edward VII owed a great deal of his popularity to the delight which he clearly took in appearing in public, and King George VI, like his father, would not have been able to render such enormous services to the State had he not early won the affection of the people by appearing among them on the occasion of the national sporting festivals.

It is a curious commentary upon the character of the English people that the withdrawal of Queen Victoria from public life for so many years after the death of the Prince Consort should have been followed by the growth of a definite, if short-lived, republican movement.

COLOUR

THE monarchy provides that element of colour and romance for which mankind craves, but which is rapidly vanishing from the drab world of modern times. The enormous crowds which every year flock to the Birthday Parade are proof of this.

The great concourse of people does not come to see a display of armed might, and it is certainly not inspired by any spirit of jingoism.

The ordinary citizen looks on the Birthday Parade as a link with the past, and whatever his political opinions he rarely wants to break such links; nor is the plight of those nations which have done so any great encouragement to him to follow their example.

"The councils to which Time is not called," wrote Sir Walter Raleigh, "Time will not ratify." In this mechanical and materialistic age such manifestations of royalty are a reminder of what Time represents in the life of a nation, and they impress upon the least imaginative the fact that English history did not begin yesterday.

The price of royalty is an infinite attention to detail. The Queen will find that she is one of the few people in her Dominions who never get a real holiday free from the daily cares of work.

If one has occasion, for example, in August or September to communicate with a Government Department or an industrial concern it is highly probable that no definite answer will be forthcoming until the return of this or that in-

NOR is this all, for the Queen must keep in touch with every aspect of the subjects' activities. During the course of a single day she will be expected to display at any rate a nodding acquaintance with a score of widely different problems, and to make intelligent conversation with men and women each of whom is an expert upon his or her special subject. Many of these people will never have spoken to her before and will be unlikely to do so again; thus a momentary impression may last a lifetime, so that it is of the utmost importance that it should not be disappointing.

At the same time, it is essential that the Queen should on every possible occasion extract the maximum amount of information from those with whom she is brought in contact, and the task of doing this without appearing rude is indeed formidable.

In any consideration of the relations of the Queen and her people the personal element cannot be ignored. The English people are rightly very partial to the pageantry which is traditionally attached to royalty, but this imposes a severe strain upon the wearer of the Crown.

One wonders sometimes whether the cheering thousands realise that the central figure is a human being as well as a monarch; in the present instance a young woman who did not choose her position, but who has accepted it as her duty towards God and her fellow men.

PAGEANTRY

ONE wonders also whether in the new reign there might not well be a little more going and circumstance when the Sovereign goes to the great cities outside London. It is not only the Londoner who craves for pageantry; his fellow-countryman in the provinces has exactly the same feelings, but he gets far less opportunity of satisfying them.

Delighting in the Household Cavalry visit them for the purpose of doing musical rides and so forth; why should they not clatter through the streets in all their splendour as an escort for the Queen when she pays an official visit to such places as Liverpool, Leeds, or Birmingham? This would not only meet with widespread approval in the industrial areas but would be of the outward and visible sign of the interest which the Queen takes in those who live in them.

**Tomorrow:
THE QUEEN'S REALM
OVERSEAS**

Florence Nightingale? No, You're Wrong

By YORKE HENDERSON

QUESTION: Who pioneered military nursing?
Answer: Florence Nightingale.

Marks: Nil—if you go to school behind the Iron Curtain.

You might have thought that the "Kremlin" would have at least given the reactionary, imperialistic capitalists the credit for the pioneering spirit of the Lady with the Lamp. But, some scholarly Muscovite has discovered that the first army nurse was a young Russian contemporary of Miss Nightingale, Dasha Sevastopolskaya, the daughter of a Czarist marine.

Black and white evidence of this Communist discovery is on view at the Institute of Education in London where Britain's Historical Association has arranged an exhibition of school history from 37 countries.

The book on view were brought to Britain through the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R. and they arrived a matter of hours before the exhibition opened.

Russia has its own version of the Crusades, too. The Church of those days only used the

tries. One of the Soviet history books on view solemnly records that "Dasha Sevastopolskaya was the first front line sister of mercy in the world." She tended Czarist wounded at the siege of Sevastopol.

The Kremlin, however, is modest about Dasha's achievements. It appears that the comrades of the Education Ministry would prefer the West to be left in ignorance of Dasha and her work, for the organisers of the exhibition were ignored completely by the Russian Embassy in London when they asked the loan of Soviet history books for their show.

Modern Turkish school-children are offered still another view of the war their forefathers fought with Western Knights. It seems that about the 11th and 12th centuries Turkey was enjoying a perfectly good war with the Egyptian Mamluks when Christian pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem strayed across the battlefield. Well, naturally the pilgrims got hurt

Turkish possession of the tomb of Christ, mythical founder of the Christian religion, as a excuse to start the Holy Wars. But the real reason was that "by a successful campaign in the East, the Church reckoned on expanding its dominions and enhancing its prestige."

Nazi Germany had other reasons for complaint against the Crusades, and a history book which survived Hitler's downfall indignantly reports: "The liberation of the Holy Land was not attained, and this in spite of all the sacrifices of blood, which the Nordic-Germanic leading class of the West contributed in the service of Rome."

The Yugoslav history books in the exhibition, like most of the Eastern Europe exhibits, did not reach London through the appropriate embassy. They were offered for exhibition by private individuals. But the exhibition officials feel that Yugoslavia's failure to reply to the request for history books was understandable enough. It is a big job to alter a country's history books, and Tito's break with Stalin has meant some large-scale re-writing. Supporting this view is the fact that the Yugoslav Government intimated eventually that it would be prepared to lend books for "any future exhibition."

but when they went home they raised such a row that their kings sent out great armies to take the Holy Land away from Islam.

In one glass case in the exhibition is a brightly-lacquered copy of a history book which East German children carry in their satchels. From it they learn that France, Britain and America signed the Versailles treaty with a view to "the exploitation of the German nation and the annihilation of the Soviet Union."

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG
St. George's Ball 1953
The time of the closing of the Main Entrance of the Peninsula Hotel was shown in error as 6.15 p.m. in today's issue of the South China Morning Post.

This should have read as 8.15 p.m.

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Warning Sounded On U.S. Budget By Next Director

Washington, Jan. 7.

Joseph M. Dodge, who is to be President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's budget director, said yesterday the Republicans cannot be expected to carry out their promises to balance the budget overnight but would do so as soon as possible.

The budget itself is too complex, Mr Dodge told reporters, and new department heads, unfamiliar with all details of their jobs, will need time before offering specific recommendations.

Mr Dodge, making his statement only three days before President Harry Truman is expected to send his budget to Congress, said he did not know the total spending the President will recommend.

"I have only seen parts of the budget," he said, adding that he had been given all the information he requested since he started watching preparation of the new budget on Nov. 12.

Mr Dodge reiterated that neither he nor any other member of the new administration took part in preparing the budget.

And he stressed what other Republicans have said—that the budget prepared for the fiscal year starting next July 1 is a Truman budget, not an Eisenhower one.

In addition, Mr Dodge said, the new administration "will inherit the accumulated and unfulfilled fiscal obligation arising from appropriations legislation enacted for the new budget and for the budget of prior years."

NEW POLICIES

He outlined plans to start immediately after the Jan. 20 inauguration a "reconsideration of the policies, programmes and operations" on which the budget estimates are based.

Department heads, Mr Dodge said, would concentrate on selected items in each agency budget and give Mr Eisenhower their advice before the new President presents Congress his views.

Mr Dodge declined to estimate when the new administration hopes to achieve a balanced budget but said Mr Eisenhower

would present Congress recommendations "as rapidly as possible."

The budget director-designate appeared at a news conference but placed almost all his remarks off the record, confining reporters to a prepared statement.—Associated Press.

Scraping Another Control

London, Jan. 8.

One more step towards restoring Britain's role as an international commodity market will be taken tomorrow when the first coffee auctions, since 1941, will be held in London.

Continental buyers will be able to take part in the auctions. Auctions were suspended when coffee was controlled by the British Government as a wartime measure, and tomorrow marks a further scrapping of such controls.

Trading in tin was freed by the former Labour Government at the end of 1940. Since the Conservative Government took over late in 1950, it has freed tea, lead, cotton, cocoa, sugar, linseed oil, and last week, zinc.

The Food Ministry has announced its intention of returning grain trading to private enterprise as soon as possible this year.

Market men hope that copper will also be freed in 1953.—Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

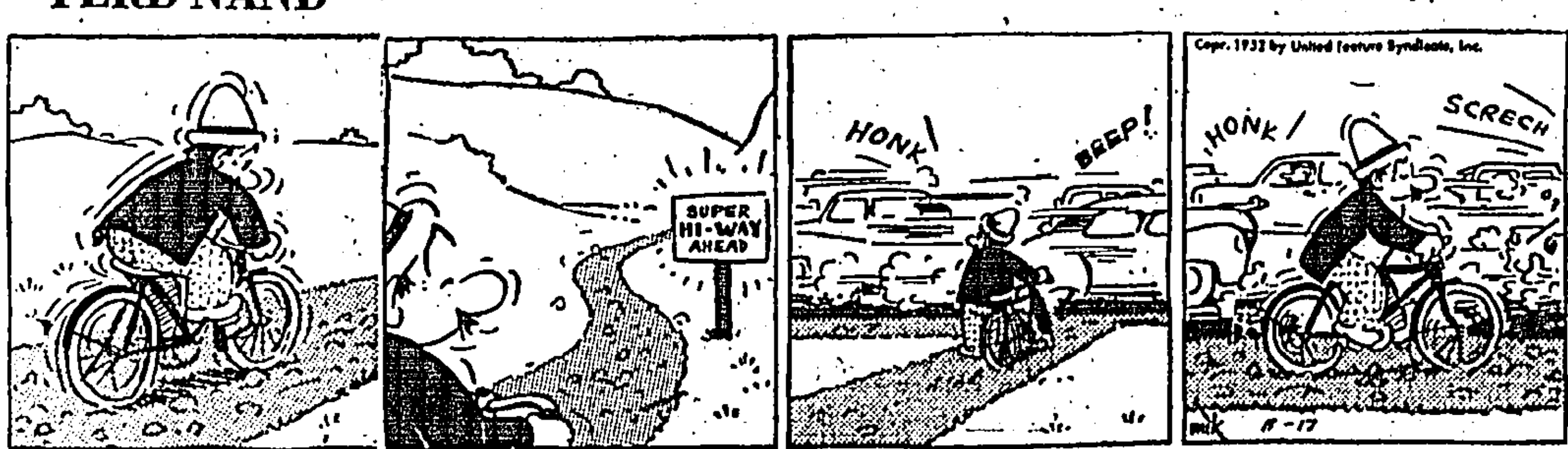
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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

Girl On
The Run

HER escape route was 12,000 miles long, and when she reached the end of it Mary found she had not escaped at all. The thing she was running away from turned out to be still just around the corner. The fear dwelt within her, and there was no escape.

Mary, not so long ago, was a happily married young woman, living in New Zealand, her home country. Her husband took to drinking heavily. He became an alcoholic, and one day committed suicide.

It was after the horror of that, that Mary attempted her escape. Without telling anyone, she booked a passage to England, meaning to start a new life there.

In London, Mary found a job as a shorthand-typist, and lodgings. For a time it seemed she had safely disposed of the past. But now she was filled with a desire, that owed something, perhaps, to remorse for her sudden departure from home, to send presents to her family. She had not the money to do this on the scale she would have liked.

TO her lodgings every week came cheques made out to her landlord, which were casually left about in Mary's sight. She began to steal these cheques, and to cash them by endorsing them with the landlord's name.

She was caught at it, brought to trial at Bow Street, and let out on bail while police inquiries were completed. When she returned to her lodgings, people told her: "You may get sent to prison for ten years, and tried to tell herself by drinking disinfectant. There was a new charge against her when she next appeared in court—of attempting to commit suicide.

The result of Mary's trial was that she was put on probation, and with the help of Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, she found a new job and somewhere new to live. It seemed at last as if she might begin to live down the immediate past.

BY now, however, Mary was scared of authority in whatever form it showed itself. Things became so bad with her that she would go to her office, and at the door lose her nerve, and turn back without going in. She had persuaded herself that she was not up to her work, though in fact she perfectly satisfied her employers.

Mary had been ordered to report regularly to Miss Hamilton. She failed to do so. Presently she was arrested for this breach of her probation. She was brought back to the dock at Bow Street.

MISS Hamilton went into the witness-box. "This girl," she said, "tells me she doted not come to see me because she is so frightened of the police and of courts and black mantras and prisons. The landlord of the lodgings where she is now, and his wife, have been exceedingly kind to her. She has lost her job, but there is another she could go to, as a shorthand-typist at £5 10s. a week. I do think she doesn't mean to be difficult."

"She just causes difficulties, when everyone's trying to help her," Mr. R. H. Blundell, the magistrate, suggested.

"I'm feeling a bit better now, I will do my best, if I could have another chance," said Mary from the dock. She is a nice-looking girl, in whose features none of the sadness of the past shows.

"She has a friend of hospitals," Miss Hamilton continued, "but there is a psychiatrist who says he will see her in his consulting room, well away from any hospital, and try to help her."

MARY did her best, to look grateful. The magistrate said to her: "I think the best thing you can do, is to fine you 20s, with the alternative of one day's imprisonment, for breaking your probation, and order that the probation shall continue. This is the last chance you will get, do you understand?"

"Yes," said Mary in a whisper. She half-closed her eyes and sighed deeply; perhaps now, at last, she had made her escape from the past, and was no longer on the run—from herself.

CARDINAL
SPELLMAN
ARRIVES

His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Catholic Military Vicar of the United States Armed Forces, arrived here this morning by PAA from Manila for a three-day visit.

In a brief interview at the airport, the Cardinal said: "Modern times give us an eloquent demonstration of the devotion to religion and God. You don't have to go beyond Hong Kong to find testimony to that."

He said that he is sure that Catholics in China are faithful to their religion and follow the example of the old.

The Cardinal said that he had visited North Korean prisoners of war in Korea and said that "these he saw seemed contented to be prisoners."

Asked about what he thought of the Communist persecution of Catholic priests in China, he said: "I think it is awful."

Cardinal Spellman was met at Kai Tak by Mr. P. A. R. Colbourne, representing H.E. the Governor, Bishop L. Bianchi, Bishop Pat Cienry, Msgr. M. T. Gilligan, the Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Shek, the Very Rev. Fr. A. Ruan, Mr. Julius Harrington, American Consul General, Mr. Muspratt-Williams, Director of Civil Aviation and a host of representatives of the Catholic Orders of the Colony.

Cardinal Spellman left for lunch at Government House on the Governor's launch. He will be the guest of Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham during his stay in Hong Kong.

Convict Gets
Married

Glasgow, Jan. 7. A convict wearing a white carnation in his suit and accompanied by a warden in plain clothes was married in a local church here today to his 20-year-old childhood sweetheart.

Confetti thrown by neighbours covered his brown suit as he left afterwards with his wife and the warden for a 15-minute wedding breakfast at her home.

The convict, William Canning, aged 23, then returned by taxi to prison to resume a seven-year sentence begun last month for theft, and attempting to shoot a policeman.

Miss Martella Walsh, now Mrs. Canning, said afterwards: "Seven years is a long time but he will probably get remission for good conduct. I will try and make a home ready for him when he gets out."—Reuter.

Dockers Strike

New York, Jan. 7. Dockers in Philadelphia went on strike today for more pay and better conditions at the same time as agreement was reached in the New York dock strike.

The New York strikers—less than 500 key workers—wanted a wage increase of 42 cents an hour but the employers offered only 26 cents.—Reuter.

H.E. Visits Troops In N.T.



His Excellency the Governor spent much of yesterday in the New Territories where he visited British troops in camp and saw them at their training. Picture shows RSM Webber of the 1st Batt the Dorset Regiment being presented to Sir Alexander Grantham at Norwegian Camp.

Drawing For Coronation Seats



Yesterday the Hon. R. B. Black, CMG, OBE, and the Hon. T. N. Chau, CBE, Senior Unofficial Member of Legislative Council, conducted the ballot for Coronation seats allocated to Hong Kong. Picture shows Mr. Black drawing a number, with Mr. Chau standing on his right.—Staff Photographer.

MANSLAUGHTER
TRIAL OPENS

The trial of Ip Cheung, 33, foki, for the manslaughter of Ho Tak-fu, 55, junk owner, at Kam Hung Street, Causeway Bay, on August 21 last, opened before Mr Justice Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

It was alleged by the Crown that the accused struck deceased with a bamboo pole during a fight and deceased subsequently died from a wound on the head, allegedly inflicted by the accused.

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, is conducting the case for the Prosecution. Det. Insp. J. Andrews, the officer in charge of investigations, was present for the Police. A Jury of six men and one woman was empanelled.

Mr Sneath said that the case for the Crown was that on the afternoon of August 21 Ip Sang, the master of the accused, had a fight or a scuffle with the deceased. No weapons were used, but only blows with fists seemed to have been exchanged.

HIT OVER HEAD

The accused arrived at the scene of the fight, carrying a bamboo pole with which he hit deceased over the head, the Prosecutor said. Deceased was not killed there and then, in fact he was able to walk away on his own and subsequently reported to the Police. Deceased, however, was sent to hospital and died about 6 p.m. that day.

Shortly after the incident the accused made some statements to certain people, which the Prosecutor said were evidence of what he had done.

The Prosecutor said that the offence was unlawful killing. It was perfectly lawful to protect oneself or one's master and there was a scuffle in which no weapons were used, it was for the Jury to say whether the accused went too far in using a bamboo pole to strike the deceased on the head. If the Jury thought accused went too far then it was not a question of a man acting in the defence of his master; it went further and became something unlawful, and if it was something unlawful and death resulted, then in the Prosecutor's submission—that there was a crime of unlawful killing.

PM FINDINGS

Dr T. C. Pang, Police surgeon, said he carried out a post-mortem examination on the deceased. There was a curved lacerated wound on the back of the head as well as a swelling on the right side of the head. Internally, the skull was fractured and there was a blood clot in the brain. The cause of death was from the fracture and bleeding in the brain, said Dr Pang.

Witness told the Prosecutor that the wound was consistent with a blow struck by a blunt instrument, such as a bamboo pole.

Dr Leon Tye-cheung, House Surgeon, Queen Mary Hospital, said he examined deceased on the afternoon of August 21. Deceased was unconscious and his condition was critical. His condition deteriorated and he died later that evening. Hearing is continuing.

Unauthorised
Sale Of
Drugs, Poisons

Pleading guilty to unauthorised sale of poisons, unauthorised sale of penicillin and failing to keep proper records of poisons, Lau Hon, 32, was fined \$2,000 by Mr D. F. O'Reilly-Mayne at Kowloon this morning.

The Prosecution revealed that Lau's medicine shop at 461 Shanghai Street was raided by a party of Police on January 7 after a Police Officer, posing as a member of the general public, managed to—purchase six tablets of sulfadiazine, six tablets of neurine and 20 penicillin lozenges for \$5.00.

The Police revealed that defendant had a wholesale licence for selling drugs but not a retail licence.

An investigation, Lau pleaded that he did not know the regulations. The penicillin was ordered confiscated.

YOUNG BOY'S
SPREE

London, Jan. 9. Richard Cooper, 13-year-old son of an American airport engineer, phoned his London home from Le Havre, France, today after a five-day runaway jaunt.

Richard disappeared on Saturday after leaving the family home at Twickenham to play with friends. He took two £5 sterling notes and a new United States passport.

In his bedroom he left a scribbled note: "Mom I can't stand living with such a good family. I am running away and don't phone the police."—Reuter.

Japan To Build
Naval Ships

Tokyo, Jan. 8. The influential newspaper, Yomiuri, said here today that Japan's embryonic Defence Ministry today demand 10,000,000,000 yen (about £10,000,000) for construction of about ten naval ships and about 100 aircraft in the fiscal year beginning in April.

Japan, which still does not officially admit to having any armed forces calls the Ministry the "National Safety Board."—Reuter.

Intelligence Test Solution

It is reasonable to assume that the letter represents a digit and that the letter O is the square of 10. 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